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NSC FOR ABRAMS/SINGH/GAVITO/HARDING/DEMOPULOS, STATE FOR  
NEA/ELA, NEA/FO FOR ATACHCO, USICAO MONTREAL FOR LAURA  
FAUX-GABLE, IO/T FOR LAURA LUFTIC, EV/TRA/OTP FOR MEGAN  
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SUBJECT: LEBANON: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: U.S. CANDIDACY FOR  
ICAO COUNCIL

REF: STATE 115443

[1](#)1. (SBU) Post delivered reftel demarche to both Minister of  
Transportation Mohammed Safadi and Director General of Civil  
Aviation Dr. Hamdi Chouk. Dr. Chouk said Lebanon is always  
supportive of the USG in ICAO.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Dr. Chouk will lead the GOL delegation to the ICAO  
meetings in Montreal in September.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Dr. Chouk asked the USG to support Lebanon's bid  
for reelection to the council in category Part III. Lebanon  
has been the council member elected to represent its region  
of small countries in NEA, which includes Syria, Jordan and  
Iraq. This region excludes the Gulf countries and Saudi  
Arabia. Dr. Chouk has a signed letter of support from Syria  
and Jordan.  
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